

fruits. the current of industry is frequently disturbed by strikes of workmen. But the increasing similarity of interests and pursuits tends to draw rich and poor together : kindness on the part of the well-to-do is the more appreciated as it becomes more sympathetic and patronizing. Moreover, the activity which is exercised upon material objects appears incidentally to react upon the mind, weakening the instinct of cruelty and strengthening that of kindness. It certainly does not arouse such jealousies—that cruellest of emotions—as is provoked by struggles for social or political precedence. So the Baltic races, in wrestling with substance, have found more abiding visions of the spirit than have been vouchsafed to peoples of less practical instinct. They have led the world in philanthropy as well as in industry.

illustrating the fable in which a man's heirs, by digging for treasure in his orchard, find in the improvement of its produce the gold which his will had promised them. Their wealth and prosperity have drawn upon them the eyes of all other peoples, and, by imitation, their cult of the material—and even their attitude towards women—have spread, and are spreading far and wide amongst nations that fall within the pale of Christendom. Outside this circle of religious kin-

ship the ideas of Northern Europe are adopted much less eagerly : they can hardly be accepted without some suspicion of disloyalty to some sacrifice of natural pride. So Turkey hesitates to follow her Christian neighbours and India lags in her standard of comfort behind the humbler families of the British Isles.